Air Pollution by Indraprastha Thermal Power Station

2086. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) What checks are in existence with the formation of Environment Pollution Board over the units which were licensed before the Board was constituted;

(b) Whether DESU Thermal Power Station comes under the purview of the Board;

(c) whether there are any regular monitoring to estimate the levels of pollution in the plant; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 provided the following checks on the units licensed before the pollution control Board was constituted;

(i) The units in existence are required to obtain consent for the discharge of effluents and emissions and the units are directed to comply with the consent conditions on a time-bound basis.

(ii) Legal action is taken against the defaulting units.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. All the units of DESU are meeting the emission standards prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board. With regard to the waste-water effluent, units are meeting the prescribed limits of all the parameters except total suspended solids and temperature. The Central Pollution Control Board launched a prosecution against Indraprastha Thermal Power Station under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Court directed the Delhi Electricity Supply Undertaking to take necessary action.

Decline in the Export of Turmeric

2087. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of turmeric has declined if so, what are the details thereof and the foreign exchange earned during the last three years by its export; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to boost the export of turmeric?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The export of turmeric during the last three years was as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Qty. (M.T.)	Value
1986-87	19529	1918
1987-88	8747	923
1988-89	16518	1737 (provisional)

Prior to 1986-87 the average export of turmeric was about 10,000 M.T. There was unprecendented increase in exports of turmeric during 1986-87 perhaps because of shortage of this commodity in the world market. The exports fell down next year as imports had sufficient stock from the previous year. Last year, the export of turmeric had again increased.

(b) The steps to boost export of spices which include turmeric also *inter-alia* are:—

1. Grant of CCS.

2. Import replenishment licence.

3 Air freight subsidy on export of cardamon during peak period, market promotion through publicity campaign, market survey, sales-cum-study delegation participation in International Fairs, Buyer-Seller Meets, efforts to reduce cost of production and productivity in cardamon to make the product more